

EMBARKATION and DEBARKATION DATA

1. Australian Military Forces - Southern Command. Movement of Allied Forces Disembarkation Order - February 25, 1942
2. Despatch of Allied Forces - Convoy - March 2, 1942
3. Despatch of Allied Forces - Convoy "ZK7" - March 3, 1942
4. Despatch of Allied Forces - Convoy - March 3, 1942
5. Movement of U S A Nurses - Personnel and baggage from locations for embarkation at station and Princes Piers, Port Melbourne - March, 1942
6. Summary of Special Trains arranged in connection with embarkation of U S F I A at Port Melbourne (Station and Princes Piers) March 6, 1942
7. Headquarters Poppy Task Force - Debarkation Data - March 11, 1942

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25 Feb - 11 March 42

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VICTORIA BARRACKS.S.M.3789

Melbourne, S.C. 2nd March, 1942.

Base H.Q. S. Comd. (12)

Copies to:- H.Q. U.S.A.F.I.A. (12); "G" Br. (3); "A" Br. (3);
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(2); Sec. Navy (2); Sec. Air (2); S.M.B.

DESPATCH OF ALLIED FORCES - CONVOY

I am directed by the Quartermaster-General to advise that the U.S. Army personnel mentioned in the attached Appendices will take passage in the Transports indicated departing Melbourne at an early date.

2. It is of the utmost importance that the strictest secrecy be observed in connection with the despatch of these personnel and especially with regard to the dates transports will be available for loading, embarkation and subsequent departure.

3. Personnel together with personal arms and equipment will move from present locations to Port of Embarkation under arrangements to be made by Base H.Q. Southern Command on a date to be advised later. Rail warrants issued will be endorsed "S.M.3789 charge to U.S.A.F.I.A."

4. O.C. Troops.

s.s. "JOHN ERICKSON")

U.S.A.T. "ARGENTINA")

U.S.A.T. "McANDREW")

U.S.A.T. "CRISTOBAL")

U.S.A.T. "SANTA ELENA")

U.S.A.T. "SANTA ROSA")

Senior Combatant Officer
on each Transport will assume
Command.

O.s.C. Troops will detail the necessary Ship's Staffs.

5. Ship's Staffs will embark in advance of the main body under Command arrangements.

Advance parties will embark under Command arrangements on a date already communicated to M.C.O.(Rail), Base H.Q., S.Comd.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - SOUTHERN COMMAND

NO. 1401

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H Q Base, S Comd,
339 Swanston St.,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

25 Feb 42.

MOVEMENT OF ALLIED FORCES
DISEMBARKATION ORDER

(Issued in conjunction with A H Q SM 3316 of 23 Feb 42)

1. It is advised that U S Army Personnel as shown in Appendices attached are expected to arrive at Melbourne on or about 26 Feb 42. Transports will berth at Station and Princes Piers, Port Melbourne as indicated in Appendices.

2. SECRECY.

THE STRICTEST SECRECY MUST BE OBSERVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MOVEMENT. THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING THIS INSTRUCTION IS TO BE FULLY IMPRESSED UPON ALL CONCERNED.

3. MOVEMENT FROM DISEMBARKATION PORT.

DARLEY AND ROYAL PARK.

Personnel allotted to DARLEY and ROYAL PARK Camps will disembark and entrain on Friday, 27 Feb 42, in accordance with detailed Appendices attached.

BALLARAT AND BENDIGO.

Personnel allotted to BALLARAT and BENDIGO Areas will disembark and entrain on Saturday, 28 Feb 42, in accordance with detailed Appendices attached (see para 4).

Movement from Port Melbourne to respective areas will be in accordance with Appendices attached.

H Q Base, Southern Command have arranged accommodation in the various locations in accordance with allotments shown in Appendices.

NURSES.

(a) Nurses, with the exception of those on board Transport "Santa Elena", will disembark and assemble opposite ships from which they disembark at 0900 hours on Friday, 27 Feb 42 and proceed to locations by Motor Transport arranged by Major A.W. ROSE, D A A G (R S), as follows:-

(b) Nurses on board Transport "Santa Elena" will disembark on Saturday, 28 Feb 42, thence as in sub para (a) above.

(c) D D S T will provide Motor Transport to convey Nurses' Baggage to respective locations as shown below.

NURSES EX U S TRANSPORTS
ALLOCATION OF ACCOMMODATION

	BERTH	VICTORIA PALACE	KURNEH	LADY DUGAN	HAMPTON	TOTAL
U S A T BARRY	Princes Pr	115	36	-	43	194
s.s. J.ERICKSON	Station Pr	-	4	-	-	4
U S A T ARGENTINA	Station Pr	-	-	20	10	30
U S A T SANTA ELENA	Princes Pr	-	-	-	4	4
		115	40	20	57	232

	TELEPHONE
VICTORIA PALACE, 215 Lt. Collins St., Melbourne	Cent 8340
"KURNEH", 206 Domain Road, South Yarra	Wind 5638
"LADY DUGAN" Hostel, 255 Domain Road, Sth Yarra	Wind 3731
HAMPTON Convalescent Home, 15 Beach Road, Brighton Beach.	(XW 1129 (XW 1737

4. BILLETING PARTIES.

Billetting parties consisting of 1 Off and 1 N C O from each unit proceeding to BENDIGO and BALLARAT will disembark on Friday, 27 Feb 42 and will report to U S A Port Commander for instructions reference proceeding to destination.

5. DISEMBARKATION OF PERSONNEL.

The following general instructions are to be observed as far as is practicable.

(i) Personnel will disembark carrying:-

Personal Arms and Equipment
Barracks Bag
Haversack or Field Bag
Two Blankets
Filled Water Canteen.

(ii) Meals will be provided on arrival at Camp location and Billetting Areas.

(iii) Personnel FOR DARLEY CAMP will detrain at Bacchus Marsh Railway Station thence proceed by route march to camp.

Personal arms and equipment will accompany personnel in troop trains. Officers' baggage which will be ready for landing with each Unit will be loaded into freight cars accompanying trains.

D D S T will make available sufficient M T to transport personal equipment from Bacchus Marsh Railway Station to DARLEY Camp. U S Army will detail the necessary Baggage Parties.

(iv) Personnel for ROYAL PARK CAMP will detrain at Royal Park Railway Station thence proceed by route march to camp.

Personal arms will accompany personnel in troop trains. Personal equipment (Barrack Bags etc.) and Officers' baggage will be conveyed direct from Port to Camp by M T to be supplied by D D S T.

(v) RECEPTION - ROYAL PARK.

U S A CAMP COMMANDANT will arrange for -

- (i) Guides to meet units at detraining point Royal Park and conduct personnel to unit location in camp.
- (ii) Guides to meet M T conveying Unit Kits and conduct M T to Unit location in camp.
- (iii) Working parties to unload M T at Unit location so that M T can return to Port Melbourne without delay.
- (vi) Personnel for BALLARAT and BENDIGO Billetting Areas will detrain at Ballarat and Bendigo Railway Stations respectively thence proceed by road transport or route march to Reception Depots at the various Billetting Zones where further instructions will be received.

Personal arms and equipment will be conveyed in troop trains and Officers' Baggage will be loaded into freight cars accompanying trains.

- (vii) Troops will be entrained and trains despatched as directed by Railway Transport Officers located at each Pier.

6. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

- (a) D D M S will arrange for medical personnel and 2 ambulances to be in attendance at Station and Princes Piers in order that any sick personnel may be immediately moved to hospital or otherwise disposed of.
- (b) D D M S will arrange a R A P at Customs Baggage Room, Outer West Berth, Station Pier, Port Melbourne, and at the Wharf Office, Inner East Berth, Princes Pier, Port Melbourne, consisting of -

1 Off
1 Sgt
2 Ptes (W/Stretcher)

at each Pier, who will report to E S O at 0700 hours on 27 and 28 Feb 42 and will not dismiss until so ordered by E S O.

7. UNIT WAR EQUIPMENT:

- (a) Discharge at Victoria Dock.

Unit War Equipment discharged at Victoria Dock will be block stowed by units in wharf sheds and accommodated therein pending subsequent disposal.

- (b) Discharge at Port Melbourne.

Unit War Equipment discharged at Station Pier, Port Melbourne, will be transferred by rail to Montague Shipping Sheds and stowed as in sub para (a) above.

s.s. "JOHN ERICKSON"

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Berth - Station Pier

Serial No.	Unit	Personnel All Ranks	Location
1	101 Med. Regt.	826	Ballarat
2	Coys. "B" and "C" & Med. Det. 754 Tk. Bn.	244	"
3	810 Engr. Bn.	638	Darley
4	811 " "	636	"
5	67 Pur. Sqn. & Med. Det.	154	"
6	Det. 3 Q.M. Coy. (Sup. Avn.)	4	"
7	52nd Evac. Hosp.	52 (Nurses)	Melbourne
8	52nd Evac. Hosp.	357 (No Nurses)	Royal Park
9	51st Ord. Coy.	186	" "
10	216th Q.M. Coy. (Repair)	118	" "
11	Det. H.Q. 1 Bn. 108th Q.M.	11	" "
12	Coys. "A" & "B" 108th Q.M.	226	" "
13	Coy. "A" 82nd Q.M. Bn.	190	" "
14	26th Sig. Coy.	235	" "
15	Base Sig. Det.	4	" "
16	22nd Ord. Coy.	125	" "
17	Mortician	4	" "
18	Wire & Radio Rep. Det. 175th Sig. Coy.	22	" "
19	502 A.P. Unit	12	" "
20	2nd Bn. 123rd F.A.	605	Bendigo
TOTAL		4,649	

U.S.A.T. "ARGENTINA"

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Berth - Station Pier

21	Bn. H.Q. Coy. "A" 754 Tank Bn.	302	Ballarat
22	2nd Bn. 182 Inf. (Att. Med. Det.)	934	"
23	H.Q. & H.Q. Coy. & Band 182 Inf.	181	Darley
24	Service Coy. 182 Inf.	150	"
25	9th Sta. Hosp.	30 Nurses	Melbourne
26	2nd and 3rd Plat. Co. "A" 96th Q.M. Co. (Bkry)	72	Royal Park
27	Det. 1st Bn. 101st Q.M. Regt.	9	" "
28	Co. "A" 101st Q.M. Regt.	114	" "
29	Med. Det. 101st Q.M. Regt.	7	" "
30	H.Q. & H.Q. Det. Task Force	98	" "
31	Finance Det.	29	" "
32	9th Sta. Hosp.	183 (No Nurses)	" "
33	1 Plat. 26th M.P. Co.	53	" "
34	Co. "B" 101st Engrs.	5	" "
35	180th F.A. (2 Bn.)	741	Bendigo
36	244 C.A. (Dets.)	554	"
37	Coy. B. 101st Eng.	126	Royal Park
TOTAL		3,586	